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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 15.3% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 16 — Airline passenger traffic rose 15.3 percent in May, and was up 14.3 percent for the first five months of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic grew 11.9 percent in May, compared to the same month last year. Available seat miles rose 7 percent, and the passenger load factor rose to 63.7 percent from 60.9 percent in May, 1986.

In international service, traffic in May increased 32.1 percent, compared to May, 1986. Available seat miles rose 3.1 percent. Passenger load factor amounted to 63.7 percent, up from 49.7 percent in May, 1986.

For the first five months of 1987, domestic traffic was up 13.2 percent over the same 1986 period. Available seat miles were up 10.1 percent, and the passenger load factor increased to 62.0 percent from 60.3 percent for the first five months of 1986.

International traffic for the first five months of 1987 was up 19.7 percent, and available seat miles were up 7.2 percent. Passenger load factor rose to 61.0 percent from 54.6 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MAY 1987 - 1986

	YEAR	MAY RPM'S (000)	MAY ASM'S (000)	MAY LOAD FACTOR (%)	YEAR TO DATE RPM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE ASM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	27,440,053	43,048,870	63.7	129,264,886	208,535,691	62.0
	86	24,513,317	40,245,005	60.9	114,174,243	189,328,423	60.3
PERCENT CHANGE		11.9	7.0		13.2	10.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	6,502,492	10,210,349	63.7	26,779,164	43,905,337	61.0
	86	4,923,632	9,900,582	49.7	22,364,338	40,957,150	54.6
PERCENT CHANGE		32.1	3.1		19.7	7.2	
TOTAL	87	33,942,545	53,259,219	63.7	156,044,050	252,441,028	61.8
	86	29,436,949	50,145,587	58.7	136,538,581	230,285,573	59.3
PERCENT CHANGE		15.3	6.2		14.3	9.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.